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## Grand Canyon News Release

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### Debris Pile Burning Resumes at South Rim of Grand Canyon

**Grand Canyon, Ariz.** – The National Park Service will resume burning piles of woody debris over the next several weeks at various locations on the South Rim of Grand Canyon National Park. The piles of debris consist of small tree branches, twigs and needles removed during the creation of prescribed fire control lines. Pile burning is a necessary preparation for the prescribed fires scheduled for this spring at the South Rim. Unfavorable weather conditions halted pile burning operations in January.

Fire managers will take advantage of snowy or moist ground conditions to minimize the chance of fire spread and potential spotting from the small debris piles. The 24 - 30 piles will be ignited and monitored over the next several weeks by three to four firefighters and an engine, until the piles are completely out.

Park visitors may see or smell smoke in the vicinity of the piles. The piles are located along East Rim Drive between the Duck-on-a-rock Overlook and the Grandview Point access road. Another group of piles are located near the road immediately north of the South Entrance Station for approximately one mile. Signs will be posted to advise motorists of possible smoke.

For further information, please call Michael Ebersole in the Fire Management Office at (928) 638-7878.

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